

Harmonizing Functions of Two Departments. WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY STATIONS TO BE CONTROLLED BY THE NAVY.

Ocean Meteorological Data to Go to the Weather Bureau—Advantages Described by Chief Moore.

In connection with the recent transfer of the control of all government wireless telegraph stations from the Department of Agriculture to the Navy Department, announcement is made today that the control of ocean meteorology has been transferred from the Navy Department to the weather bureau of the Department of Agriculture. This arrangement is in accordance with the report of the interdepartmental board of wireless telegraphy, which concluded that the last month's agreement of a great progressive stride toward a more universal governmental utility of the wireless system.

Prof. Willis L. Moore, acting secretary of the Department of Agriculture, said today that this is one of the most important steps taken by the government, and forecasts an uninterrupted wireless communication with all classes of vessels, whether merchant marine or battle ship when within 300 miles of either the Pacific or the Atlantic coast.

Weather Forecasting Aided. "This arrangement," remarked the acting secretary today, "removes a question which for many years has been a disturbing factor in these two departments, and leaves a result acceptable to all. A rumor has gained currency that the hydrographic office has been transferred to the Agricultural Department. This is not so; we merely have been given control of the meteorological work, and the hydrographic office will be a much more thorough forecast, relating to storms approaching from the sea. It is the purpose of the government, through the Navy Department, to establish at least fifty stations on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, and it is no doubt that all commercial as well as army and navy vessels will be equipped with wireless apparatus within a few dozen years.

"The weather bureau is greatly handicapped today in getting forecasts from the Pacific ocean, owing to the small number of stations installed on the coast and the vessels equipped with the wireless apparatus. Looking into the near future, it can be seen that the first-class ocean vessels, equipped with the wireless apparatus, will be able to furnish the weather bureau with information as to weather conditions at their respective points. You can see the importance of this when I tell you that all the storms come from the west, and as we will be able to get a forecast from 300 miles at sea, which is about one day's movement of a marine storm, we can keep at least one day ahead of the weather on the coast. This we can do with the ordinary 2-kilowatt De Forest or Fessenden apparatus.

Telling of Tropical Storms. "The advantage will not be so great on the Atlantic coast, except in the treatment of the destructive tropical storms, which originate in the vicinity of the West Indies. With that 300-mile margin for communication we can keep all coast points advised of the conditions prevailing at sea. We will also be enabled to forecast the direction and intensity of these storms, and can issue warnings to ships at sea many hours in advance of the gale. I consider this the greatest benefit to maritime commerce and shipping. At present the weather bureau, through the Navy Department, is receiving daily observations from more than 2,000 ships, and with the increased facilities this number will be multiplied almost by ten.

"The importance of the system of wireless telegraphy cannot be overestimated. It is, in my mind, more essential in time of peace than in time of war. The hydrographic office has demonstrated its actual and practical value. It is no longer a theory in any sense, but a fact. The installation of the stations contemplated and the co-operation between the Navy and Agricultural departments, I feel sure in predicting that the weather bureau will have more lives and cargoes saved by this mutual exchange of observations than by any other means ever devised.

Report of the Recent Board. The report of the wireless board has just been issued from the central printing office, and in explanation of the transfer of the meteorological work says: "It is the opinion of the members of this board that no meteorological work need or should be done by any portion of the navy for the purposes of publication, or for the making of forecasts, or for the issuing of practical value. It is no longer a theory in any sense, but a fact. The installation of the stations contemplated and the co-operation between the Navy and Agricultural departments, I feel sure in predicting that the weather bureau will have more lives and cargoes saved by this mutual exchange of observations than by any other means ever devised.

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Kimono and Wrappers.

Wrappers that have sold regularly at \$1 are to go tomorrow at 69c. Kimonos of fine white lawn and dimities; embroidery trimmed with plain covers; bodices; extra good quality, and made to sell, and always sold, at \$1.69c.

Another attraction—a lot of about 260 pairs of Men's Trousers that we've always sold at \$5, \$6 and \$6.50; mostly in the medium weights; for tomorrow specially priced at.....\$3

Advance Sale of New Walking Skirts.

We've arranged for tomorrow an advance display of the newest Walking Skirts for fall. They are elegantly tailored from materials of our own selection and from models secured by our buyer during his recent trip abroad. Every skirt is a triumph of the tailor's art, and represents the styles that will be in vogue for the coming fall. They will be placed on sale tomorrow at the smallest introductory prices—away below their real value, in fact. It's first pick—don't miss it.

At \$1.98. At \$3.98.

At \$2.08. At \$5.08.

Remarkable Values in Shoes.

Choice from all our Men's Patent Colt Welt Oxfords; all this season's goods. Values \$4, \$3.50 and \$3. Saturday.....\$1.49

Lot of Women's Patent Colt Blucher Oxfords; Cuban heels; turn sole; all along at \$2.50 and \$2. Saturday.....\$1.09

Lot of Misses' and Youths' Shoes that sell regularly for \$1.25. For Saturday take your choice at.....79c.

All the remaining stock of Men's Canvas Shoes and Oxfords; sold along at \$1.25 and \$1.50. Saturday.....69c.

YOU CAN HAVE IT CHARGED

Emphasizing the Greatest Price-Reducing of the Season.

We can safely say that tomorrow's offerings mark the actual bed rock in price-lessening for the season—and not only is this true, but the offerings, without exception, are most desirable and include the most wanted lines. Shrewd shoppers will not miss such opportunities.

6 Knives and 6 Forks, From 5 to 9 p. m. Tomorrow.....53c.

Men's Night Robes that sell regularly at 75c. and more; another surprising shirt offering for tomorrow at.....39c.

Men's B. V. D. Jean Pepperell Drawers, the quality that sells regularly everywhere at 50c. take your pick tomorrow at.....39c.

Men's Otis Make Balbriggan Underwear, for which we paid 75c. in any store; for Saturday at.....39c.

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Men's Good Quality White Handkerchiefs that sell regularly at 12½c. for tomorrow.....5½c.

Another Underprice List of Toilets.

Rubifoam (for the teeth).....15c. Roger & Gallet's Talcum Powder.....10c. Dandarine.....15c. Violet Perfumed Ammonia.....7c. Colgate's Cashmere Bouquet Soap (small).....11c. Borax, "20-Mule-Team" brand; lb. pkg.....6c. Tooth Brushes, 25c. quality.....10c. Williams' Shaving Soap.....3c. Roger & Gallet's Violet Toilet Water.....59c. Roger & Gallet's Soaps.....17c. West India Bay Rum.....17c. Petroleum Jelly.....1c. Tabard Inn Sea Weed Soap.....7c. Tabard Inn Hemlock Tar Soap.....14c. Rich's Perfumes, in bulk; oz.....10c. Sanitol Tooth Powder or Paste.....15c. Listerine (large size).....59c. Eastman's Toilet Water.....5c. Java Rice Powder.....19c. Chamois Skins; roc. quality.....5c. Quantity to each buyer limited.

Laces and Embroidery.

4-inch All-over Laces that sell regularly at 10c. Saturday.....10c. Fine Black Chantilly Lace sold along at \$1.25 and \$1.50. Saturday.....4c.

Loss of the Novik.

THE COMMANDER'S REPORT TRANSMITTED BY ALEXIEFF.

Owing to the Damaged Condition of the Vessel He Decided to Beach Her.

Emperor Nicholas has received from Vice-Admiral Alexieff the following report of the loss of the Novik: "At 7.30 o'clock when the Novik left the line with damaged steering gear and signaling 'admiral transfers command,' as I had two masts broken and all means of signaling by day or night damaged on the Novik, I displayed the signal, 'Follow me,' and the Novik, under the command of the Novik, left the line and proceeded to beach her.

TURBINE LAUNCHED.

Largest Vessel of Its Kind—To Carry 1,500 Passengers.

The Novik is to be fitted in a most luxurious manner, and is to carry 1,500 passengers, but the chief interest in her lies in her power. Turbine steamers on the Clyde and in cross channel service have proved very successful, mainly because they are able to maintain a high speed to passengers, but considerable modifications had to be devised to meet the requirements of the Atlantic service, including enormous propelling power and great stopping, backing and steering power.

Sorrow of the Russians.

The full report of the sinking of the gallant little Russian ship was received with the greatest sorrow in Russian circles. The cruiser had proved herself, despite her size, one of the ablest ships of the Port Arthur squadron, but her small coal supply and short steaming range had largely rendered her useless in the attack on the Novik.

Naval Board Ordered to Convene.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. ANNAPOLIS, Md., August 26.—The naval board to examine the applicant for the position of subinspector at the Naval Academy has been ordered to convene on September 8. Prof. O. G. Dodge, U. S. N., is the senior member of the board. The destroyer Lawrence arrived at the Naval Academy Wednesday evening. It will remain until Sunday.

Virginia Board of Trade Meets.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NORFOLK, Va., August 26.—The Virginia state board of trade met here yesterday in annual session, with a large attendance and President C. W. Priddy presiding. W. R. Mayo of Norfolk delivered an address of welcome, and in the absence of M. B. Harlow of Alexandria, who sent a letter of regret, John B. Plinner of Suffolk responded.

Leading Colorado Citizens Accused.

A dispatch from Cripple Creek, Colo., last night says: Charges were placed in the hands of Sheriff Bell this afternoon for twenty-eight prominent citizens of the Cripple Creek district against whom information has been filed in the district court by Deputy District Attorney C. C. Butler. The charges are conspiracy and assault to kill, conspiracy and false imprisonment, and conspiracy, malicious mischief and larceny in connection with the Cripple Creek strike. Among the alleged leaders of the mob for whom capias were issued are: Nelson Franklin, former mayor of Victor; E. C. Newcomb, cashier of the First National Bank; Henry Dahl, manager of the Cripple Creek mine; A. C. Carleton, president of the First National Bank; Harry Waters, Frank Vanneck, Charles Gunn and E. K. Young, deputy sheriffs; A. C. Carleton, secretary of the Citizens Alliance; William Carruthers, solicitor for the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co.; and John H. H. Henry, John Balzell, William Bainbridge, superintendents of mines.

These for the Children. Children's Chambray and Gingham Dresses; never sold under 14c. sizes 6 to 14 years.....69c. Little Boys' Gingham Dresses; nicely braided trimmings; sailor collar styles; sizes 1 to 8 years.....79c. Infants' Long Slips; nicely made of soft and fine cambric; prettily trimmed; special for, tomorrow.....17c. Girls' Fine White Dresses; that sold at \$2.98; sizes 12 and 14 years; for Saturday.....\$1.49

These for the Boys. We have placed in one lot all the Boys' Wash Suits, including the finest lines in the store, and in a great variety of fabrics and in all styles; Russian Blouse Suits and Sailor Blouse Suits; plain color, white and striped styles; suits that have sold right along as high as \$3; take your pick tomorrow at.....49c.

Big Savings in Shirts and Furnishings.

Lot of Men's Superior Quality Negligee Shirts, well-known brand and most desirable, in all sizes; wonderfully priced at.....25c.

Men's Neatly Shirts that sell regularly at 75c. and more; another surprising shirt offering for tomorrow at.....39c.

Men's Elegant Quality Laundered White Dress Shirts, make known the world over and sold everywhere at \$1.50 and \$2; an offering never equaled at.....60c.

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